Chapter 14 1500-1800 QUESTIONS 1 - 3 are due and to be discussed on Monday 10/22, 4-5 on Wednesday 10/24

Answers should be no less than 2 paragraphs and no more than 4 paragraphs in length. You should be ready to discuss your responses with the class.

1. Explaining your answer for each item, rank the following factors in order of its impact on exploration in the 15th and 16th centuries. Two to three sentences identifying and justifying the rationale to your answer should be sufficient
   1. Spices and increased economic trade
   2. Cartography
   3. Printing Press
   4. Ottomans defeat of the Byzantine Empire
   5. Rise of centralized authority and the Nation-State
   6. Technical Advances- ie. Navigation, Shipbuilding and Metallurgy
   7. Religion
2. Alternative History: What changes would have been wrought to the world if Ptolemy had more accurately estimated the circumference of the world and Bartolomeo Dias managed to successfully reach India in 1488, 4 years before Columbus’ trip?
3. Describe and diagram the Spanish colonial system
4. Based on the information in chapter 15, explain why Portugal and Spain went from dominating the 16th Centuries to “has-beens” by the beginning of the 19th. Meanwhile Britain went from a country of lesser importance to arguably the most powerful in the same period of time.
5. What was the economic impact of the “new encounters” on European nation-states? Incorporate in your answer the meaning of the term *mercantilism* and its relationship with the Navigation Acts/Corn Laws.